



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

12/14/05
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PLACEMENTS UP 3%

For the week ending December 10, 2005, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.2% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) increased 3.3% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.2 million, an increase of 2.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.6 million for the week ending December 03, 2005 compared to 11.0 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
10/15/05	12,876	13,835	11,112	11,695	11,115	11,697
10/22/05	12,586	13,693	11,151	11,764	11,151	11,764
10/29/05	13,314	13,026	10,807	11,232	10,809	11,234
11/05/05	13,554	13,907	10,760	11,584	10,760	11,584
11/12/05	13,074	13,596	10,553	11,478	10,555	11,480
11/19/05	13,337	13,852	11,156	10,939	11,156	10,939
11/26/05	13,803	14,216	11,306	11,656	11,308	11,706
12/03/05	13,594	14,172	10,808	11,372	10,808	11,372
12/10/05	13,810	14,206	11,193	11,558	11,195	11,558

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 12/17/05	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	56.59	58.08	69.60	64.08
12-City Composite 2/	64.42	64.50	67.50	68.43

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.